

HATING MOUNTAIN LIONS

GAME BAGGED BY A PARTY OF CALIFORNIA HUNTERS.

himen in Pursuit of Beasts that Had — Feeding on Their Stock—A Lion

the cattle that bred the Hounds, Mrs. Cal, May 6.—Since about the first of there has been unusual excitement the sheep herders and alfalfa ranchmen the foothills of the San Jacinto Valley here. Every morning for weeks they found pigsties, barnyard, corral, or sheep pen had entered by some strange, ferocious animal and slain a sheep, calf, cow, or horse, and it was blood from the ground torn from the animal.

With surprising rapidity of travel the a few domestic beasts here and there in the valley for miles around. On some nights a sheep or two in a pen at one ranch and a calf fifteen or twenty miles away. The showed the fastidiousness of an epicure, only the best blooded cull, the finest ewes, the tenderest calves, the choice steers, and the best things came to a climax. A blooded Jersey bull, the property of the oldest Mexican in San Jacinto Valley, was dead in his stall. The bull's neck was

shreds and the flanks ripped and cut by claws used with tremendous strength. He made a fight for his life, for his horns were and a trail of blood from the barn to the arat a mile away told the story of wounds mysterious and cunning murderer had made. It had been believed from the first that the wild animal had made its descent from the mountain ranges and had been waiting for its prey were placed on the trail they led at once to the peaks that look down on the valley. Good stains ceased with the thickets, so

The dogs showed no hesitation on this. The hunting party numbered nearly a hundred and was composed of men, women, and children. The latter were all mounted on horses and ponies, and the dogs were visible in the open country. The hunting party numbered nearly a hundred and was composed of men, women, and children. The latter were all mounted on horses and ponies, and the dogs were visible in the open country. The hunting party numbered nearly a hundred and was composed of men, women, and children. The latter were all mounted on horses and ponies, and the dogs were visible in the open country.

of the stepping stones that crossed them, they seemed all at once to understand his meaning, and with a relieving bark with a joyful cry of certainty. Old Daniel's master, a young Mexican, noted that the dogs had here struck the trail of some animal that he had never to drink at that spot. It had, he told, joined the one they sought, and he all struck out together for the mountains. He renewed the forest all the horses across the shallow stream and followed the dogs, which were now only dark on the green grassy sands at the foot of the old mighty Sierra.

The dogs were observed after a while to

about a clump of cactus plants that were the first rise in the low, rolling plain. The dog, however, was not a dog of fallen fortunes. At this the party was puzzled, and two minutes later the animal was near at hand. The young Mexican entered at the clump of cactus, and after a few minutes returned with a dead animal that he held aloft. He said that he had laid down to rest, while the other, probably its mate, stood by him, and that he heard the loud barking of the dogs was heard at little distance, so clamping spurs to the horse, he went to the place. In a few minutes the hounds were found to have gathered about a small heap of earth and stones on which lay a enormous snake, with a head like a cobra, hissing and waving, tufted tail. It was a magnificent male, with tawny skin and a silver band about the middle of his body. He was the mate of the queen of many monarchs of Arabian descent, and that he woke the echoes in the mountain ranges above him, and the echoes of the lowness of his side was broken by a jagged outline of dark, cloaked blood, but his head and shoulders were visible above the line that surrounded him, making false stairs yet afraid to attack him.

There was nothing more to be seen. The hunters, anxious to claim the lion as his

pressed forward, and, aiming over the
mass of hounds, fired upon the majestic
beast facing death as resolutely. Wounded
by a dozen dead lions, the lioness, in her
scream of agony and rage, then fell to be
fully covered by the dogs, barking in tri-
umph over a defeated foe. But they had flat-
tered themselves too soon that the prey was
for with desperate courage the lion
cut right and left, sending his enemies
reeling with the blows of his powerful
limbs and ripping and tearing with his
sharp claws and giant molars. Their re-
sistance was unavailing, and he triumphed
undiminished with his own and dyed the sand

and they gave back for instant, until, when the mountain king was dying even then, they turned to him and he said, "As they fell upon him a roar from the peaks of the mountains proclaimed that the battle was returning to the king, and had scented the battle from afar. At that moment he leaped into view, pausing for a moment to gaze at the king, and then, taking the scene below with an angry contempt, cast like a lead. Outlined against the peaks of the mountains, his figure was like a yellow marble, but only for a moment, for as her topaz eyes caught the sight of her dead mate and the frantic dogs, he fell down to the ground. With a volley of shots shattered the extreme of the scene she had that instant left. She was alone, with magnificence about her, nobody from peak to peak with incredible, maybe not the slightest apparent sign of life. The king, the king, the king, to see the fallen monarch below. She

the little gorge where he lay. A second had failed to stay her as she came bounding, but now a third greeted her as she from the last spur of rock, and a gush of blood marked where some bullet had found home in her quivering flank.

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**Money Is Lost in These Machines
Thun in the Gambling Houses.**

From the Chicago Times Herald.

At I Know About Gambling" was the title of the sermon delivered by the Rev. Frank at the Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church last night. He saw that gambling for money has been a proeminence of the City Hall politicians and other gambling houses making wide opportunity for them. He said that the reason that they have protection is that the city has no money. He said that the city has no money because of this city that they have been protected, and it is said that the condition of one line of these machines is the son of Mayor, but I am not sure about it, although it is possible that

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